

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1087

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize May 17-23, 2020, as National
Emergency Medical Services Week.

WHEREAS, the provision of emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service;
and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams provide lifesaving care to those in need,
twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and
recovery rates for those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in
thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving
skills; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's modern EMS system was established in 1972 by legislation
that authorized the training of emergency medical technicians and mandated the creation of
standards for ambulances and medical equipment; and

WHEREAS, according to Bureau of Labor statistics, 6,810 Tennesseans are employed
in EMS; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they perform in our nation's
communities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of
Tennessee's EMS providers by observing Emergency Medical Services Week; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we recognize May 17-23, 2020, as National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.